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**State Assemblyman Huffman Applauds Marin County's Coordination of
California's First Community-based Oil Spill Response Exercise July 24**

Statement by California Assemblyman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael)

"Local, state, and federal officials are doing the right thing by hosting California's first community-based oil spill response exercise at Bolinas Lagoon. Hopefully, these drills will help response organizations learn to use the best techniques and equipment to protect ecologically sensitive areas throughout the Bay Area."

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Marin County Parks and Open Space Department (MCPOSD) and Marin Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES), with support from over 23 federal, state and local agencies, including the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Park Service, Bolinas and Stinson Beach fire departments, as well as several community-based organizations, will execute California's first community-based oil spill response deployment validation exercise to be conducted offshore at the inlet of the ecologically sensitive Bolinas Lagoon July 24.

Assemblyman Huffman, who represents the 6th Assembly District, authored CA AB 2935 (Huffman) - Environmental and Public Health Protection from Oil Spills, which has passed the full Assembly, the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.